

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE (PHP)



People Helping People is a small project founded in the Chapel of Penha de França by the late Father Bernardino Andrade to help those in need. Our former Bishop D. António once said, "One must find new ways of helping the poor". A very small group of people attending the English Mass decided to do just that after the floods in 2010! In a short period of time we created partnerships with supermarket chains and restaurants; we have paid dozens of medical prescriptions, we have spent gallons and gallons of petrol riding across the island giving lifts, we have prevented families from going hungry, getting their electricity cut off, running out of gas, losing their homes. We have tried to keep them warm, keep them hopeful, and keep them dreaming...

"Heaven lives in our heart, we are in the heart of Heaven, but we only find God when we empty ourselves of ourselves..."

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Associação Gente Ajudando Gente

BANK: Banco Santander Totta

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0003 4938 1759020

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The funds will then be transferred to Madeira. Any questions or concerns about transferring to this account, please contact Sinead Moynihan at: sineadmoynihnan7@icloud.com

When making any donation, please send an email to penhafranca.php@gmail.com with the date, and name on the transfer so that Alexandre Silva is able to confirm that the transfer has been received. Thank you.

Tea and Coffee After Mass

Please join us in the Social Hall across the garden for a cup of coffee and a chat. And a piece of home-baked cake!

Please sign our Visitor's book in the Social Hall... leave us your comments, or suggestions, let us know where you're from! ☺ We also have a map where you can place a pin on where you are visiting us from! ☺



Our Social Hall has a Free Little Library: a cabinet full of books. You're welcome to take a book, borrow a book, leave one in exchange, or even bring in some books that you have lying around that you no longer want. ☺



JOYFUL GIFT

24th of November 2024

Christ The King - Year B

10h00 – Mass in English

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CATHOLIC MASS – 10 AM (IN ENGLISH)

Good morning! Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ The King. As many of you know, this 10am Mass is the only Catholic Mass celebrated entirely in English, on the island of Madeira. The English Mass is a tradition that dates back to 1966, when Fr Rafael Andrade, having just returned from his first visit to England, complied with the bishop's request to start an English celebration. Father Rafael presided over this mass for over 30 years, when he had to stop in 1999 due to overlapping duties. For eight years there was no Catholic mass in English in Madeira, until it began again on the first Sunday of Lent in 2007 under Father Bernardino Andrade who had returned to Madeira, his birthplace, after many years as a priest in California. Father Bernardino was our appointed Sunday priest until January 2024 when he sadly passed away. We have been blessed to have the English mass continue every Sunday with Father Joseph Arun and Father Thomas Muzhuthett.

✠ The special intention of this morning's Mass will be offered for the soul of **Maria Gracinda de Jesus Silva** who passed away on the 21st of November last year. May her soul rest in peace.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – Solemnity of Christ The King - Year B
(*Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92(93): 1-2.5; Revelation 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37*)

The Book of Daniel was written about 165 BC. It looks forward with certainty to the day of the Lord at the end of history, when the kingdom of God will triumph. In this vision the worldly kingdoms opposed to God have been portrayed as various beasts. In contrast, Jesus and the glorified people of God who will form his kingdom on earth, are represented in human form, as "one like a son of man". This became the most characteristic way in which Jesus referred to himself, as the one through whom the salvation of God's people is realised. The Psalm praises the eternal kingship of the Lord, who triumphs over rebellion and chaos. The Revelation to John was probably written about 90 AD, during a time when Christians were being persecuted. Today we hear John's greeting to the seven churches of Asia, before he criticises them. His summary of the Christian faith includes a reference to Daniel's vision. The Gospel of John was also probably written near the end of the 1st century. It is very different from the other 3 gospels, which are read in Ordinary Time over the 3-year cycle. In today's reading Jesus clearly tells Pilate the nature of his kingship, reflecting how much the understanding of Jesus had developed over the 60 years since his death.

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

TODAY'S HYMN MUSIC: Larysa Makarova

Entry: God forgave my sin - 181

Offertory: All that I am... - 21

Communion: This is my body... - 572

Final: Go, the mass is ended... - 175



REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

In 1640, King João IV of Portugal did something remarkable that still inspires people today. When he was crowned, he refused to let the crown touch his head. Instead, he placed it on a statue of the Virgin Mary, declaring her the true Queen of Portugal. It was a humble act of faith, showing that earthly power is nothing compared to God's authority.



On this Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded of the same truth: Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, but His reign is very different from what we might expect. His kingdom isn't about wealth, power, or control. Instead, it's built on love, service, and truth. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36), reminding us that His authority is rooted in heaven and calls us to live by His example here on earth.



Here in Madeira, we have our very own symbol of Christ's kingship in the **Cristo Rei statue at Garajau**. The Cristo Rei statue in Madeira was inaugurated in 1927, predating the more famous **Cristo Rei statue in Lisbon** and the iconic **Christ the Redeemer** in Rio de Janeiro! With His arms wide open, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the statue stands as a reminder of Christ's love and protection. Like King João IV's gesture, the Cristo Rei points to a kingdom that isn't

about borders or power but about welcoming everyone into God's embrace. The location of the statue is breathtaking. High on a cliff above Madeira's coastline, it blends faith with the beauty of nature. It reminds us that Christ is not only the ruler of our hearts but of all creation. As His followers, we are called to care for the earth and to bring His peace and love into our daily lives.

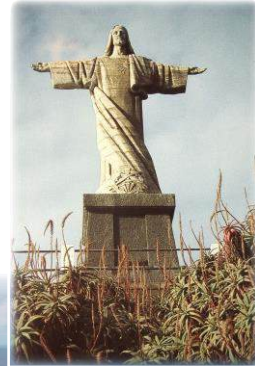
The open arms of the Cristo Rei also speak of inclusivity. Christ's love reaches out to everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from. This is the kind of love we are called to show in a world that often feels divided and uncertain.

As we celebrate Christ the King here at Penha de França, let's reflect on what it means to follow a King who wore a crown of thorns. His kingship is about humility and self-sacrifice, not power or glory. Like King João IV, may we recognise that true strength comes from trusting in God and putting Him at the centre of our lives.

Let's take this opportunity to recommit ourselves to living as part of Christ's kingdom - by serving others, standing up for what's right, and sharing His love in all we do.

Viva Cristo Rei! Long live Christ the King!

- Revd. Tito Pereira



A MUSICAL DONATION TO OUR CHAPEL – A beautiful organ! 🏛️ 🎵 ❤️

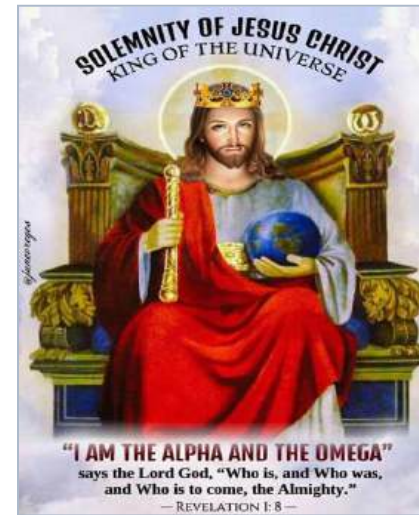


Last Sunday morning, beautiful musical notes filled the chapel during our English Mass service. We had been gifted with a special Organ the day before, by a member of our community: Mrs. Anjos de França.

The organ has been in her family for many years, and has now found a new home in our little Chapel. We thank her for this generous gift which will be enjoyed for many years to come by our Chapel's English and Portuguese communities.



A Big THANK YOU!



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

– During November & December



This year, as customary, we will be making up Christmas boxes for needy families we support under the auspices of our *People Helping People* Charity. We are collecting hygiene products (e.g. lotions, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.), and dried and tinned goods (tins of fruit, tuna, beans, dried nuts and fruit, rice and pasta, etc.).

Please place your offerings in the **basket at the entrance of the church**.

Any queries contact **Jane House** at: janelh1945@gmail.com



SALE OF CHRISTMAS CRAFT ITEMS - December 8th

On Sunday, December 8th, we will have a **Christmas Craft stall** here at the Chapel, where you can buy Christmas items that have been **made by volunteers**.

Sale items include handmade Christmas Crackers (a British tradition which contain a hat, a joke and a snap) together with other craft items such as wreaths, hand painted glass bottles with lights or a candle, tree decorations - all hand painted. Also table decorations with candles and general craft items such as

crochet doilies, crochet hats, eco reusable cloth bags made from fabric scraps, ribbon art hair clips, etc.

As a guide to price, crackers are €2 each, bottles €8, wreaths are €12. Everything else is for a donation of the person's choice, and the proceeds from the sale will be divided between *People Helping People* and another Charity.

